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SUBJECT: MEDIA COVERAGE OF WASHINGTON FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AND
ATLANTA OASGA

1. NICARAGUAN MEDIA VIRTUALLY IGNORED WASHINGTON MFM. ONLY
COVERAGE WAS SHORT SPOT NOTICES ON SEVERAL RADIO STATIONS AND
LATIN WIRE SERVICE REPORT CARRIED IN LA PRENSA (OPPOSITION,
CIRC. 55 THOUSAND) DEALING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSED
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

2. OASGA HAS BEEN RECEIVING MODERATE MEDIA COVERAGE.
BEGINNING APRIL 20 RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS HAVE FEATURED SPOT
REPORTS ON POINTS OF INTEREST IN SPEECHES OF SOME FOREIGN
MINISTERS, LA PRENSA APRIL 20 CARRIED THREE SEPARATE WIRE
SERVICE ARTICLES DEALING WITH PRESENCE OF DEMONSTRATORS, SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S COMMENTS ON RIO TREATY AND PROGRESS ACHIEVED UNDER
NEW DIALOGUE AND BREVITY OF HIS STAY IN ATLANTA. NOVEDADES
(SOMOZA-OWNED, CIR. 20 THOUSAND) APRIL 20 CARRIED LENGTHY EFE
REPORT GIVING SUMMARY OF NEW DIALOGUE ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDED
IN SECRETARY'S SPEECH. APRIL 21 LA PRENSA FEATURED ONE AP REPORT
THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD PRAISED VENEZUELAN DECISION TO CHANNEL
INCREASED OIL REVENUES INTO ASSISTANCE AND TWO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS
THAT ARGENTINA AND PERU HAS CRITICIZED CUBAN ISOLATION POLICY AS
OBSOLETE. NOVEDADES APRIL 22 FEATURED UPI REPORT ON CHILEAN
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FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHARGES THAT CUBA WAS AGGRESSIVE AND

INTERVENTIONIST AND HIS DEFENSE OF SANCTIONS POLICY.

3. BOTH NEWSPAPERS HAVE FOCUSED ON CONSIDERATION OF BANANAS AT OASGA. NOVEDADES APRIL 21 CARRIED EFE REPORT THAT "SECRETARY KISSINGER IN MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE BANANA EXPORTERS UNION RECOGNIZED THE REASONABLENESS AND JUSTICE OF THE MEASURES THEY WERE TAKING TO DEFEND THE PRICE AND MARKET OF THE FRUIT." LA PRENSA APRIL 23 FEATRUED EFE ARTICLE ON COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPEECH UNDER HEADLINE " FACIO DENOUNCES AGGRESSION OF STANDARD FRUIT BEFORE OAS."

4. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON EITHER MEETING HAS YET APPEARED IN THE PRESS.

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